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Mr. Jack Newlun, Jr. Landfill Superintendent Hastings Adams County Landfill 220 N. Hastings Avenue Hastings, Nebraska 68901

Re: CERCLA Off-Site Rule: <u>Affirmative Determination</u> of Acceptability for

the Hastings Adams County Landfill Phase IV, Hastings, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Newlun:

This letter serves to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made an affirmative determination of acceptability for the receipt of off-site waste at Phase IV of the Hastings Adams County Landfill in Hastings, Nebraska (Hastings Landfill Phase IV). Pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) Section 300.440(a)(4), EPA has completed an initial assessment of Hastings Landfill Phase IV, and finds the facility acceptable for the receipt of off-site waste. Such off-site wastes are defined as wastes generated as a result of activities authorized or funded by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

On September 22, 1993, EPA amended the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR Part 300, by adding Section 300.440, now known as the Off-Site Rule. The rule implements and codifies the requirements contained in CERCLA Section 121(d)(3), and incorporates many provisions of the November 13, 1987, OSWER Directive (No. 9834.11), known as the Off-Site Policy. The Off-Site Rule establishes the criteria and procedures for determining if facilities are acceptable for the off-site receipt of CERCLA waste, and outlines the actions affected by the standard. The Off-Site Rule requires that prior to a facility's initial receipt of CERCLA waste, EPA shall determine if there are relevant releases or relevant violations at the facility.

EPA corresponded with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to determine Hastings Landfill Phase IV's compliance with Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and other applicable environmental standards. The results of the correspondence



indicate that Hastings Landfill Phase IV is currently in compliance with RCRA and other applicable environmental standards. Therefore, effective upon receipt of this letter, Hastings Landfill Phase IV is acceptable to receive CERCLA off-site waste at the facility described above. Should any new information affecting this determination develop, EPA reserves the right to revisit this decision.

By issuing this notice, EPA is in no way authorizing Hastings Landfill Phase IV to undertake any waste management practice at this facility for which Hastings Landfill Phase IV has not been previously authorized by EPA or NDEQ.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Deborah Finger, Regional Off-Site Contact, Region 7, at (913) 551-7164.

Sincerely,

William W. Rice

Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Bill Gidley

Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality